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1. SUBSEQUENT TO AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON KORNIYENKO (REFTEL) CHIEF OF USA DIVISION KOMPLEKTOV PROVIDED POLCOUNSELOR WITH FOLLOWING DRAFT TEXT OF ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE MADE SIMULTANEOUSLY IN WASHINGTON AND MOSCOW FRIDAY APRIL 7 AT 1200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME, 2000 HOURS MOSCOW TIME.
2. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN AGREEMENT WHICH HAS BEEN REACHED US SECRETARY OF STATE C. VANCE WILL VISIT MOSCOW IN THE SECOND HALF OF APRIL OF THIS YEAR. IT IS INTENDED TO DISCUSS A SERIES OF QUESTIONS OF MUTUAL INTEREST FOR THE USSR AND USA INCLUDING THOSE CONNECTED WITH PREPARING AN AGREEMENT ON LIMITING STRATEGIC OFFENSIVE WEAPONS."
3. POLCOUNSELOR NOTED THAT SOVIET DRAFT DID NOT SPECIFY APRIL 20-21 DATES. KOMPLEKTOV SAID THIS MORE GENERAL FORM HAD BEEN USED ON PREVIOUS SIMILAR OCCASIONS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY (AND SARCASTICALLY) HE SAID HE REALIZED THE US SIDE MIGHT FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE SINCE VOA HAD ALREADY UNILATERALLY BROADCAST A SIMILAR ANNOUNCEMENT,

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BUT THAT WAS OUR BUSINESS. SIMILARLY, HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED TO HEAR A VOA BROADCAST TOMORROW GIVING THE DETAILED TRAVEL PLANS OF SECRETARY VANCE.

4. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN INCLUDING APRIL 20-21 DATES IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT. PLEASE ADVISE. TOON

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